ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ATTALLA BAPTIST CHURCH,

Commencing Sept 6, 1892.

OFFICERS.

ELDER H R. CULBERTSON, Moderator.....Hokes Bluff, Ala.
R. R. YEATS, Clerk.....Gadsden, Ala.
J. R. NOWLIN, Treasurer.....Gadsden, Ala.

The next session will be held with Mt. Ararat Church, Etowah County, Ala., commencing Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1893.

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee.—A. T. Fuller, Gadsden, Ala.
State Missions.—J R. Nowlin, Gadsden, Ala.
Home Missions —Rev J. S. Trotter. Gadsden, Ala.
Foreign Missions.—Rev H. W. Williams, Gadsden, Ala.
Education.—A. B. Goodhue, Gadsden, Ala.
Temperance.—Rev J. H. Glazener, Gadsden, Ala.
Family Religion.—Rev. C. B. Hammett, East Gadsden, Ala.
Religious Literature.—J. H. Boyd, Hokes Bluff, Ala.
Sabbath School.—W. T. Murphree, Walnut Grove, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from churches.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Appoint correspondence.
8. Reports of Standing Committees. (Committee may report at any time when the time is not occupied.)
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Call roll, and read the minutes.
11. Fix order of printing and distributing minutes.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1892.

The Ninth session of the Etowah Baptist Association was held with Attalla church, Attalla, Ala., Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th, 1892.

Elder J. E. Smith preached the introductory sermon from Gen. 1:3.

The Association, receiving the intelligence that Elder W. B. Crumpton was prevented from meeting with us on account of the death of his little daughter, agreed to send him a telegram of sympathy.

Called the Association to order, H. R. Culbertson, Moderator, in the chair; R. R. Yeats, acting clerk; called roll of churches and assigned homes to delegates, as follows:

Antioch—R. T. Moore and J. E. Shaw.
Attalla—A. C. D. Cornelius, M. P. White, M. L. Buckley and J. Edwards.
Bethany—D. M. Gilliland. A. J. Sitz, J. F. Dismukes, M. L. Brock and J. W. Gilliland.
Bristoe's Creek—Not represented.
Cave Spring—W. M. McClendon.
East Gadsden—C. B Hammett, M. B. Jelks and D. N. Jelks.
Fairview—J. F. Hughes, J. F. Maise and T. P. Hill.
Gadsden—H. W. Williams, W. B. Wynne, A. T. Fuller, J. R. Nowlin. J. L. Johnson, A. B. Goodhue and G. S. Vann.
Greenwood—H. B. Hawkins and R. T. Wamac
Liberty, Coosa—H. R. Culbertson, K S Steel, W. A. Boozer, A. H. Barnes, J. H. Wisdom.
Mt. Ararat—J. P. Booker, F. M. Neighbors and Joe Able.
Mt. Carmel—J. H. Glazener, V. H. Dean, R. G. Harton, A. J. Gilliland, J. L. Jones, G. E. Jones and F. B. Thomas.
Mt. Gilead—W. M. Burrell and F. M. Graves.
New Harmony—C. W. C. Tucker and J. M. Higdon.
Oak Grove—J. W. Broughton and T. W. Woodard.
Pilgrims Rest—A. J. Broun, J. E. Smith G. H. Myrick and W. P. Archer.
Pleasant Hill—E. N. Handy and James Mayo.
Pleasant Valley—D. W. Castel and L. F. Burges.
Shady Grove—J. C. Taylor.
Ten Islands—W. G. Little and E. D. Mathis.
Union No. 1—J. P. Sitz, J. A. Reeve, H. P. Smith and J. T. Stephens.
Union No. 2—W. A. Culbertson.
Walnut Grove—W. Y. Adams, J. D. Petitt, B W. Revis, W. T. Murphree, J. F. Campbell, Robt. White and G. W. Camp.
White's Chapel—J. P. Stephens.
White Springs—R. R. Yeats, J. H. Boman and W. J. Lafallatt.

Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

After the reading of the 23rd Psalm by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

Enrolled delegates from Antioch church.

Called and corrected roll.

Appointed C. W. Hare and A. J. Preston tellers.

Re-elected Elder H. R. Culbertson Moderator, R. R. Yeats clerk and J. R. Nowlin, treasurer.

Upon motion of V. H. Dean adopted order of business of last meeting. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us. Received Rev. A. J. Preston, of Cahaba Association and C. W. Hare, of THE ALABAMA BAPTIST; received D. I. Purser, D. D., as Financial Secretary of Howard College and Vice-President for Alabama of the Sabbath-School Board, and Elder J. A. Glenn in the interest of the Board of Ministerial Education.

Called for petitionary letters. A letter was presented by New Harmony church.

Upon motion, appointed Rev. H. W. Williams, Elder J. R. Trotter and Rev. K. S. Steel, a committee to examine Articles of Faith and report on same.

Called for correspondents. Received Rev. J. R. Ramsey, of Cherokee Association.

Filled vacancies in committees as follows:

Foreign Missions—W. T. Murphree, W. B Wynne and J. L Johnson.
Education—J. R Trotter.
Temperance—A. T. Fuller.
Sabbath-School—H. W. Williams and T. P. Hill.

Appointed committee on order of business as follows: Elder H. W. Williams, J. H. Glazener and J. E. Smith. Appointed committee on devotional exercises as follows: J. T. Stephens, J. L. Jones and deacons of Attalla church.

Upon motion, reconsidered the appointment of committee to examine Articles of Faith of New Harmony church

Upon motion received the church and Moderator extended the hand of welcome in behalf of the Association.

Enrolled J, H. Wisdom as delegate from Liberty, (Coosa).

Recognized B W. Revis as a delegate from Walnut Grove church.

Adopted report of committee on devotional exercises, as follows: Elder H. W. Williams to preach at 7:30 to-night, and Dr. D. I. Purser to preach to-morrow night at 7:30.

Granted Oak Grove church a letter of dismission, to unite with Calhoun County Association.

Appointed delegates to Alabama Baptist State Convention, as follows; Rev. W. H. Williams, J. R. Trotter, J. R. Nowlin, W. Y. Adams, J. L. Jones, A. T. Fuller, R. R. Yeats, H. R. Culbertson, C. B. Hammett and F. B. Thomas.

Appointed delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, as follows: Elder H. W. Williams delegate, and J. R. Nowlin, alternate.

Committee on Program reported, as follows:

Meet at 9 a. m. (Wednesday.(
From 9 to 9:15, Devotional exercises
From 9;15 to 10:15, report on Education.
From 10:15 to 11, report on Religious Literature.
At 11 Missionary Sermon, according to appointment at last Association.

Adjourn for dinner.

Meet at 2:30 p. m.

From 2:30 to adjournment, reports, and discussion of State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Reports to be given in order as here mentioned, and all to be read before the discussions.

H W Williams,
J. H. Glazner,
J. E. Smith,
Committee.

Adjourned unti 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. J. Preston. Renewed call for correspondents. Read and corrected minutes of preceding day.

Appointed committee on Finance, as follows. W. T. Murphree, A. H. Barnes and J. F. Dismukes.

On Time and Place: W. B. Wynne, J. W. Gilliland and J. H. Boyd.

Nominations: A. B. Goodhue, R. T. Moore and J. H. Bowman.

Granted Shady Grove a letter of dismission to unite with Marshal Association.

Dr. J. R. Nowlin read report on Education as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Christians have occasion for constant rejoicing in the rapid progress and development of this age. The time has passed when men fear and tremble as the light of science is turned on the pages of the Holy Bible. Science and art in their march through the ages have bestowed untold blessings on the human family. Since the dawn of Christianity, education and religion have progressed in something like an equal ratio Like twin sisters they have gone hand in hand scattering the blessings of civilization wherever their footsteps have fallen.

Every new discovery or invention, every new development in the field of knowledge, may be rightly claimed as a trophy of Christianity, and as far as susceptible to such use should be appropriated and utilized in the advancement of the Masters service. At no period in the world's history have such facilities been afforded for the development and culture of both mind and heart as in this. It behoves us then, as intelligent Christians, realizing our obligations to God, to our children and to the generation in which we live, to give to our offspring, whether male or female the very best education our circumstances will allow. Competition is now so great in all the professions and avocations of life that a good education is absolutely essential to the highest success in any of their departments. We should not be content to commit this work to the State. The public schools and State Institutions doubtless serve a good purpose, but it is not enough that the intellect be developed while the moral and religious forces are neglected. The truths of the Holy Bible should be taught along with the truths of science, and the student of history should be taught to discern the hand of God in the rise and fall of the nations. The public schools and the State Institutions cannot meet this demand. Our denominational schools alone can fulfill this requirement. Fortunately we have such schools already organized and established in our own State, Howard College and the Judson Female Institute have for many years past held the confidence and patronage of our people. They are nobly fulfilling their mission and should have the prayers and patronage of the Baptists of this State.

In the department of Theology the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is without a rival or a peer. Let us foster these grand Institutions and

give to them such substantial encouragement as will enable them to enlarge and expand to their fullest capacity for usefulness. We recommend to our brethren that they send their contributions to the State Board of Ministerial Education and encourage in every other way we can the laudable efforts of the Board. Respectfully submitted,

J R. Nowlin, Chairman.

D. I. Purser, D. D., proceeded to discuss the report. The time allowed by program expiring, suspended the rules. After the brother had talked for some time, took subscription for Howard College (building purposes), as follows:

H. W. Williams, Gadsden, Ala	$25 00
M. L. Buckley, Attalla, Ala	25 00
J. H. Boman, Etowahton, Ala	10 00
R. T. Moore, Steel's Station, Ala	10 00
M. P. White, Attalla, Ala	10 00
D. W. Castel, Attalla, Ala	1 00

Received Dr. S. W. Averett of Judson Female Institute, who proceeded to talk on education.

After which Elder J. H. Glazener preached the Missionary Sermon from Philipians, 1st ch., 2 and 6 verses inclusive.

At the close of the sermon a cash collection for missions was taken, which resulted in the collection of $13.27.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Called the Association to order. Prayer by Dr. S. W. Averett.

Received Elder A. A. Smith as a visiting minister from North River Association.

The report on Education was further discussed by Elder J. A. Glenn, in the interest of the Board of Ministerial Education.

Took subscription for Ministerial Education, as follows:

Antioch church	$ 5 00
Attalla church	10 00
Bethany church, cash	1 50
Gadsden church	25 00
East Gadsden church	3 50
H. B. Hawkins	1 00
Liberty, Coosa, church, $10 00 cash, $10.00 cr	20 00
Mt. Ararat church	3 00
Mt. Carmel church	10 00
Pilgrim's Rest church	5 00
Union No. 2 church	2 00
Walnut Grove church	10 00
J. P. Stephens	1 00
White Springs church	3 00

Bro. C. W. Hare made a strong talk in behalf of Ministerial Education, after which the report was adopted.

Report on State Missions was read by Elder J. H. Glazener, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following:

That the spirit of missions is growing among the churches there can be no doubt. The State Mission Board have had our sympathy and support. We may well believe that the better organization of our State Mission work

has mainly led, under the hand of God, to our improved action in respect to every other department of the great and glorious work of evangelizing the world. Upon the faithful labors of our State missionaries God has bestowed His blessings, for which we should be devoutly thankful. Many feeble churches that have received aid from the Board are becoming self-supporting, and from being receivers are becoming givers to spread the gospel. But great as has been the work performed, much more remains to be done, if we carry out the motto, "Alabama for Christ." New fields are constantly springing up before the Board where a timely assistance will give such an impetus to churches as to assure the support of missions in a comparatively short time. To accomplish this, we must uphold the hands of the Board, and while they are loooking over the field and deciding upon the most eligible points for work, and the best men to fill them, let us take care to furnish them with the money.

It is a fact, not realized by many of our people, that the majority of the Baptists of the State are practically anti-missionaries. Hundreds of churches and thousands of members do not give one cent for missionary purposes. Of the seventy-two Associations reported on our list, the majority of them do practically nothing for missions. But among these people are many intelligent persons who stand ready to extend the hand of welcome to any brother who will visit their section to enlighten the people. They will put themselves to any inconvenience to help the visiting brother on his way. "Come over and help us," is the cry which is heard from those who are hungering and thirsting for missionary information. They are missionaries inspired, and would be also in practice if they had instruction and some one to lead them. If their cry for help is ever heard, if relief is ever sent, if they are ever trained and made efficient, progressive Baptists, the State Mission Board is the only agency to do it. The Association cannot, the Home Mission Board should not, because of the great work it has to do in other States not so favord as our own. Some of our larger city churches cannot be impressed with the necessiay of the work, or they would be more liberal in their contributions for State Missions. We urge the members of the Association to take the State Mission Quarterly to enlighten them on the subject of missions.

J. H. Glazener, Chairman Com.

Elder J. E. Smith read the following report on Home Missions:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions report on investigation of the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Board, made before the Southern Baptist Convention May, 1892, the following results:

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.		RESULTS.	
Alabama	4	Weeks of labor	10,640
Arkansas	28	Churches and Stations	1,324
Cuba	21	Sermons and addresses	46,863
Florida	33	Prayer meetings	14,042
Georgia	17	Baptisms	5,274
Indian Territory	16	Received by letter	5,973
Kentucky	5	Total additions	11,247
Louisiana	27	Sunday.schools organized	342
Maryland	2	Teachers and pupils	17,785
Missouri	6	Religious visits	54,336
Oklahoma	6	Churches constituted	179
Tennessee	6	Houses of worship built	80
Texas	143	Bibles and Testaments	4,304
Virginia	1	Pages of Tracts distributed	919,472
Western N. C	17		
Western Ark. and I. T	26		
West Virginia	2		
Texas S. S. Convention	5		
Total	365		

Total receipts of the Board for the year ending May 1, 1892, cash and vouchers, $227,281. The liabilities of the Board is about $30,000; $20 000 of the amount is due on the house of Havana, Cuba. The assets of the Board, $72,430. The Board asks this year for $125,000 as a church building fund besides the amount required for its regular work. The necessities of the Board are great. It is a grand cause. May the Lord put it into our hearts to contribute liberally to the support of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Smith, Ch'n.

W. T. Murphree read the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The reports from foreign missionary fields are encouraging, and the prospects growing brighter day by day. The seeds that have been sown in the last one hundred years are springing up in the uttermost parts of the earth and yielding fruit an hundred fold. It is certain that the contributions of this centennial year will lend a grand impulse to our missionary work in foreign fields. Our denomination maintains missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, India and other places, and the work in care of all is prosperous A number of these have gone from our own State, and we should deem it a happy privilege to assist in their support. We cannot avoid, however, the conclusion that the churches of this association are not filling the measure of their duty in this work, confronted, as we are, by the fact that only seven of the twenty-five churches in this association made contributions last year to foreign missions. We cannot believe it a matter of indifference to our people, all of whom contribute to other enterprises of the denomination, but it is rather the want of a definite method of making collections in the various churches. Having no one to look after the matter especially, the question is neglected until too late to make collections. It is not deemed necessary in this report to make or suggest arguments in favor of raising funds for foreign missions, but we do most earnestly beg the delegates from the various churches of the association to see to it that their respective churches fail not to make some contribution, however small, to this cause every year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Murphree, Ch'n.

The above reports on missions were discussed by C. B. Hammett, J. E. Smith, A. J. Preston and D. I. Purser, D. D.

Adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Purser, to 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY—9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. J. B. Trotter.

Read and corrected minutes of preceding day.

Read letter from Bristoe's Creek church.

Called and corrected roll.

Missions was further discussed by A. J. Preston. The motion on the adoption of reports on missions was amended by adopting the apportionment of last year year, after which reports were adopted.

Eld. J. R. Trotter read report on Religious Literature, as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

As the world is filled with all kinds of literature from the highest to the lowest grade, it becomes the indispensible duty of every father and mother to look closely after the interest of the home circle, and select such reading mat er for the home that will elevate the moral character of the children, and enable them to be hightoned men and women. If we furnish them with literature that is pure and hightoned they will cultivate a taste for such. If we wish to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we must keep from them such literature as is calculated to poison and corrupt their minds and hearts. We believe it is morally wrong to read FICTION or ROMANCE of any kind. The reason we believe it is wrong, it has a strong tendency to lead the mind in that direction and create a thirst for such. It does not feed the mind nor fill the heart with knowledge. Then, th re is nothing to be gained by reading such literature, but much to be lost—time lost, if nothing else, which is so precious to us all—spent in vain.

We would recommend the following religious publications of our denomination, viz: The Western Recorder: The Religious Herald; The Baptist and Reflector; The Christian Index; Foreign Mission Journal; Home Field; State Mission Quarterly, and especially THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, which is our State paper and should be supported by every Baptist family in the State. These papers are great educators. The best men, the deepest thinkers and the ripest scholars of the present age are employed to write for them.

We, as Baptists, should use our own Sabbath school literature, which is published by the Sabbath-School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which we consider equal to any and thoroughly biblical.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R TROTTER, Chairman.

After the report was discussed by J. R. Trotter, A. J. Preston, H. W. Williams and J. R. Ramsey, it was amended and adopted.

Committee on Order of Business reported the following:

From 10:30 to 11 o'clock, report on Family Religion.
From 11 to 11:30 " report on Sabbath school.
From 11:30 to 12.15 " miscellaneous reports.

H. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman Com.

Limited speeches to 10 minutes.

Postponed Temperance sermon.

W. Y. Adams read the following

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

Your Committee on Family Religion would respectfully urge the importance of practicing at home what we profess in the congregation. We would urge all Christians to assemble their families at night and if they do nothing more, at least, read a portion of God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. ADAMS, Chairman.

After the discussion of the subject of Family Religion by H. W. Williams, J. H. Glazener and G. E Jones, the report was adopted.

Eld. H. W. Williams read the report on Sunday-schools, and after its discussion by H. W. Williams, W. Y. Adams, A. C. D. Cornelius, A. T. Fuller, J. H. Glazener and H. R. Culbertson, was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools submit the following report: It is

no longer necessary to discuss the importance of Sunday-school work. Three-fourths of the people who join the church are those who learn the plan of salvation in the Sunday-school.

In communities where there is no Sunday-school the majority of the people grow to manhood and womanhood before they offer themselves to Christ and the church, thus robbing God of much of that life which in its entirety belongs to him.

The matter of greatest concern on this subject seems to be a better understanding of how to conduct a Sunday.schools and make it a success. However, if the members of a church do their duty by giving their presence and personal attention to this part of the church's work, a degree of success will always follow. The trouble is to get grown people interested in this work. Many of them were children when there were no Sunday-schools, and so did not form the habit of going. Others do not seem to understand that these schools are intended for anybody except children. It seems that they learned all they want to know about the Bible when they were children, although the wisest Bible students deplore that they know so little about it after a lifetime study of it. The Sabbath-school is a Bible school, and everyone who wants to know more about the Bible ought to be a Sabbath-school scholar.

It was the intention of Christ that every church should meet every Lord's day for worship, and churches that will not have preaching every Sabbath can fulfill and ought to fulfill this intention by having Bible study every Sabbath morning. In this report we would urge the messengers to this Association to go home and try by all means to get the grown up people in their churches to become interested in this important work It is not necessary for your committee to recommend the Sunday-school literature to be used; only to say that no Baptist Sunday-school can afford to use any other than Baptist literature Even if they could afford it, they could find no better than that published by our board located at Nashville, or by the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia. These periodicals will be found helpful to any Sunday-school, and no Baptist Sunday-school should be without them.

Respectfully snbmitted,

H. W. Williams, Chairman.

W. T. Murphree read the report on Finance, which was adopted, as will be found at the end of the Minutes.

Appointed standing committees as follows:

Executive Committee—A. T. Fuller, W. H. Boozer, I. T. Stephens.
State Missions—J. R. Howlin, K. S. Stell.
Home Missions—J. R. Trotter, J. E Smith.
Foreign Missions—H. W. Williams, R R. Yeats.
Education—A. B. Goodhue, H. P. Smith, P. T. Archer.
Temperance—J. H. Glazener, W. B. Wynne, G. H Myreck.
Family Religion—C B Hammett, R T. Moore, W G. Little.
Religious Literature—J. H. Boyd, J. D. Petitt.
Sabbath-schools—A. T. Murphree, A. H. Barnes, A. C. D. Cornelius.

J. H. Boman read the report on Nominations, and on motion, the report was tabled for the time being to hear the report on Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The committee on Time and Place reported the next meeting to be held with Liberty Coosa Church, Tnesday before the second Sunday in September, 1893.

A motion on the adoption of the report was lost.

Upon motion of J. H. Glazener, it was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Association with Mt. Ararat (four miles from Gadsden, on the Jacksonville road), Tuesday before the second

Sunday in September, 1893.

Upon motion, the report on Nominations was taken from the table, amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following, to-wit:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—H. R. Culbertson; Alternate, G B. Wade.

Missionary Sermon—H. W. Williams; Alternate, J. R. Trotter.

Temperance Sermon—S R. McClung; Alternate, K. S Steel.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Goodhue, Chairman.

W. Y. Adams offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of Attalla for hospitalities during this session of the Association.

Upon motion, redistricted the Association as follows.

First District—Mt. Carmel, East Gadsden, Fairview, White's Chapel, Liberty Coosa and Mt. Gilead. East of the A. G. S. Railroad and north of the L. & N. Railroad.

Second District—Gadsden, Pleasant Valley, White's Springs, Mt. Ararat, Pilgrim's Rest and Ten Islands. South of the L. & N. Railroad and east of the A. G. S. Railroad.

Third District—Antioch, Pleasant Hill, Union No. 2, Bristoe's Creek and Walnut Grove. West of the A. G. S Railroad and south of the T. and C. Railroad.

Fourth—Attalla, Bethany, Greenwood, Union No. 1, Cave Springs and New Harmony. North of the T. & C. Railroad and west of the A. G. S. Railroad, making the town of Attalla the central point.

A. G. Fuller read the following report on Temperance, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

All Christians should be temperate in all things. This is enjoined in the Scriptures. Temperate in thought, in action and in matters which pertain to their sphere as followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. As pertains to intoxicating liquors, no Christian should use them as a beverage, or at any time patronize the tippling board.

A. D. Fuller, Chairman.

Upon motion, the Clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services, and directed that the remainder of the minute money be used in printing the Minutes, and that the job of printing be given to the Alabama Baptist.

Adopted the following standing resolution to be spread annually on the minutes:

Resolved, That any member in good standing in a church of this union, who may be present at any Association with whom we correspond, shall be considered as a messenger to the same.

J. R. Nowlin read the Treasurer's report, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

J. R. NOWLIN, Treasurer,
In account with Etowah Baptist Association:

DR.

1891.	Sept 4.	To amount of cash from Finance Committee	$127 45	
	Dec. 30.	To amount of cash from Ten Islands Church	12 95	
1892.	Jan. 8.	To amount of cash from Pilgrim's Rest	2 00	
	Feb. 3.	To amount of cash from Pilgrim's Rest	40	$142 80

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By cash to State Mission Board	$ 47 20	
By cash to Home Mission Board	27 77	
By cash to Foreign Mission Board	27 77	
By cash to R. R. Yeats for Minutes	26 70	$131 84
Balance on hand		$ 10 96

J. R. NOWLIN, Treasurer.

Read and adopted the Minutes.
Adjourned.

H. R. CULBERTSON, MODERATOR.

R. R. YEATS, Clerk.

APPORTIONMENT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Antioch	$14 00	Pilgrim's Rest	$24 00
Attalla	18 00	Pleasant Valley	10 00
Bethany	34 00	Pleasant Hill	8 00
Bristoe's Creek	24 00	Ten Islands	20 00
Cave Springs	8 00	Union No. 1	30 00
East Gadsden	8 00	Union No. 2	20 00
Fairview	20 00	White's Chapel	20 00
Gadsden	85 00	Walnut Grove	30 00
Liberty Coosa	30 00	White Springs	30 00
Mt. Ararat	8 00	Greenwood	8 00
Mt. Carmel	24 00	Mt. Gilead	12 00

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

*H. R. Culbertson	Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
*W. Y. Adams	Walnut Grove, "
*J. T. Aston	Attalla, "
*C. B. Hammett	East Gadsden, "
*J. S. Horton	Seaborn, "
*H. W. Williams	Gadsden, "
*J. H. Glazener	Gadsden, "
*J. E. Smith	Kolb, "
*S. R. McClung	Attalla, "
*G. B Wade	Walnut Grove, "
*J. A. May	Walnut Grove, "
J. D. Pettitt	Gadsden, "
J. R. Trotter	Gadsden, "
V. H. Dean	Gadsden, "
F. M. Sauls	Brice, "
P. M. Archer	———, "
Jacob Gray	Attalla, "
J. A Reeve,	Seaborn, "
K S. Steel	Hoke's Bluff, "
T. A. Smith	Colvin's Gap, "

*Pastors of churches in this Association.

CONSTITUTION.

The name of this Association shall be "The Etowah Baptist Association."

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform such duties and perform them in such a manner as is ordinarily required of such officers. They shall be elected at or near the opening of each annual session of the body.

The membership of the Association shall be such churches as shall see fit and be permitted to represent themselves in its sessions by delegates.

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, but every church shall be entitled to at least two delegates

The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, not only within its bounds, but throughout the world. It shall aid and encourage by means of its influence those grand institutions and agencies which, in the providence of God, have been established by the wise and good among our brethren for the spread of the gospel throughout the world, for the distribution of the Bible among those destitute of it, for the education of young men for the work of the ministry, as well as the cause of education generally: for the promotion of the Sunday-school cause, the cause of temperance, etc.

The Association shall employ such means and adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated to ultivate Christian unity and fellowship among the brethren within its bounds, to provoke the brethren to love and do good works, to stir up the pure minds of the brethren by way of remembrance, to secure individual advancement in the divine life, in every way as individuals, to illustrate to the world the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ.

BY-LAWS.

1 Preparatory to the organization of the Association, an Introductory Sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first

2 The service being performed, the Moderator, or if he is absent, the oldest minister present, shall open the Association by prayer.

3 He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence from other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privileges prohibition.

5 Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

6 Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

7 No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, unless permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

8. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided

9. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

10. In order to expedite business, committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

11. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

12. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and opening of business, after prayer, each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called; and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

13. Any alteration of these By Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two thirds of the members present.

The rules of order usually observed by deliberative bodies of this kind shall be observed by this Association.

If any point of order be raised by any member of the body, it shall be decided by the Moderator; but appeal may be taken from his decision to that of the body.

"Mell's Parliamentary Practice" shall be used as authority in regard to questions of order.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

There is one and but one God, who is a Spirit, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, unchangeable, infinite in goodness and wisdom, of inviolable truth, perfectly just, of immaculate holiness, the Creator of all things, the preserver of all, and the supreme ruler over all.

The Godhead is a Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—three persons in one divine essence.

The Son became incarnate, thus uniting in himself the divine and human natures that he might become the mediator between God and man; man's final judge, and by his life, death and resurrection, the redeemer and Savior of his people.

The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier and comforter of God's people. He is, through the divine word, the author of the new spiritual life produced in man in his regeneration.

The Holy Scriptures were given by divine inspiration as a revelation of God's will to man concerning him, and constitute to him an infallible rule of faith and practice.

Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, were created holy, and for a time served the Creator acceptably, living innocently and happy in his favor; but Adam, having been placed under a covenant of works, violated it, and brought the penalty of the violation upon himself and descendants.

All men partaking of the consequences of the fall, are both totally depraved and guilty of actual transgression of God's laws.

No man can free himself from his native depravity, or from condemnation. No man can save himself. There is no way of salvation but by Jesus Christ.

The Christian Sabbath is the first day of the week, and should be kept holy and consecrated to the service and worship of God in obedience to the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and in commemoration of the resurrection on that day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The ordinances of the Gospel are two—Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Great Head of the church required the perpetual observance of these ordinances by the churches as such and under their authority.

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water by one duly qualified and authorized to administer the rite. It is prerequisite to church membership.

A gospel church is a company of baptized believers organized under the law of its Great Head, for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world. The officers of the church are its pastors and deacons. Each church is an independent body, subject only to the commands of its Great Head. The work required of the church is missionary in its character. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Holy Spirit continues the work of sanctification upon those whom he has regenerated to the end of life, and thus saves all who are regenerated from apostasy.

All who will be finally saved were chosen of God the Father before the foundation of the world, and given to Jesus Christ in the covenant of grace; yet all who will be lost will have rejected of their own will a proffered salvation.

The bodies of all who die will be raised from the dead and reunited to their spirits for the judgment of the great day.

In the last day Jesus Christ will come to judge the world, and having assembled all men before him, will pass sentence upon them according to their works

Heaven is a place to which the righteous will be received, and made perfectly happy in the presence and enjoyment of God forever.

Hell is a place into which the wicked may be cast, to suffer everlasting punishment for their sins.

STATISTICS OF ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership.	Officers & Teach'rs	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Revival
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter	Exclusion.	Erasure	Death.					
*Antioch	St. Clair	N. A. Hood	L. Steel	Steel's Depot	....	2	5	4	..	3	1	...	1	50	4	20	4	..
*Attalla	Etowah	J. A. Glenn	B. F. Sitz	Attalla	63	16	12	...	..	10	..	..	1	80	8	150	1-3	..
Bethany	Etowah	H. R. Culbertson	M. L. Brock	Hill	132	3	2	3	1	19	..	..	...	122	6	63	1-3	..
Bristoe's Creek	Etowah	W. Y. Adams	J. A. Brasseale	Aurora	74	....	2	..	..	....	...	..	..	76	..	....	1	..
Cave Springs	Etowah	J. T. Aston	L. C. Massey	Attalla	88	1	....	..	..	5	..	1	..	83	9	18	4	..
*East Gadsden	Etowah	C. B. Hammett	D. N. Jeiks	East Gadsden	34	25	16	..	1	2	..	...	..	74	..	....	Ev'ry	..
*Fairview	Etowah	J. S. Horton	G. H. Bearden	Brice	127	7	1	7	1	15	7	..	3	102	.....	....	2	..
*Gadsden	Etowah	H. W. Williams	G. S. Vann	Gadsden	238	18	26	..	..	11	..	..	3	268	15	200	Ev'ry	...
Greenwood	Etowah	A. N. Mince	John Stowers	Keener	....	2	2	..	..	8	..	..	1	51	.....	....	4	..
*Liberty Coosa	Etowah	H. R. Culbertson	E E.Hollingsworth	Hoke's Bluff	189	...	8	3	2	10	2	..	2	188	8	75	2-4	..
Mt. Ararat	Etowah	A. J. West	I. P. Booker	East Gadsden	54	5	2	5	...	2	5	...	..	58	..	..	3	..
Mt. Carmel	Etowah	J. H. Glazener	J. L. Jones	Gadsden	165	3	....	3	..	2	3	..	2	160	5	68	2-4	...
Mt. Gilead	Calhoun	J. E. Smith	E. B. Dickinson	Mack	116	12	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	132	3	35	1	1
New Harmony	Etowah	S. R. McClung	J. W. Tringle	Crudup	....	26	3	1	..	....	..	..	..	45	....	.....	3	1
Oak Grove	Calhoun	J. A. West	J. Hugs	Laney	....	3	....	...	...	1	...	..	1	49	.....	....	2	1
Pilgrim's Rest	Etowah	J. E. Smith	D. W. Sturkey	Kolb	163	..	4	10	1	8	..	..	3	159	....	75	3	1
Pleasant Hill	Etowah	J. T. Aston	E. N. Haney	Attalla	....	....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	47	..	.....	1	..
Pleasant Valley	Etowah	G. B. Wade	D. W. Carter	Attalla	101	.....	6	..	1	15	4	16	3	70	8	46	2	..
Shady Grove	Etowan	W. S. Hopkins	J. C. Taylor	Mountain Bora	61	21	3	..	..	7	...	4	..	74	.	....	2	..
Ten-Island	Calhoun	J. E. Smith	Z. M. Shurbutt	Ottery	61	2	1	...	..	4	..	...	..	60	4	35	4	1
Union No 1	Etowah	J. A. May	T. H. Stephens	Keener	76	19	15	..	..	1	1	..	..	108	10	63	4	1
Union No. 2	Etowah	W. Y. Adams	W. A. Culbertson	Redbud	70	..	....	1	1	..	2	..	2	65	....	.	4	..
Walnut Grove	Etowah	J. A. Glenn	A. J. Phillips	Walnut Grove	125	30	13	2	3	14	...	..	1	151	6	100	4	..
White's Chapel	Etowah	S. R. McClung	J. P. Stephens	Turkey Town	79	4	8	4	..	13	..	..	..	82	8	50	3	...
*White Springs	Etowah	S. R McClung	I. H. Bowman	Etowahton	114	17	3	...	..	4	5	..	..	125	9	54	4	1
						216	134	43	12	155	30	21	24	2469	103	1052		

Name of Churches organized during the year—New Hambony. Names of Churches dismissed to other Associations—Oak Grove church to Calhoun County Association; Shady Grove church to Marshall Association.

*Reports weekly prayer meeting.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home.)	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Edu. Howard College.	Minutes.	Sunday-school Expenses.	Women's Soc'y—Home Missions.		Centennial Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 3 00	$	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$	$	$	$	$ 1 40	$	$ 10 00	$ 400 00
Attalla				18 00	18 00	17 00	1 50	27 82		104 85			197 17	134 92	22 60	1 500 00
Bethany					12 00		1 00	1 65				1 50	16 15	65 00	12 00	1 0 0 00
Bristoe's Creek							50						50			
Cave Springs							70						70			
East Gadsden				8 00			1 00	5 40					14 40	400 00	135 60	750 00
Fairview				25			65						85			500 00
Gadsden	11 52		104 78	16 28			2 50	180 88					245 96	1 000 00	92 60	
Greenwood	25			1 00			1 50						2 25			
Liberty Coosa			10 00	10 00		10 00	1 65	12 50			27 65		71 70	141 00		500 00
Mt. Ararat							1 00	1 50					2 50			150 00
Mt. Carmel				8 62			1 75						10 37		48 00	2 000 00
Mt. Gilead		4 15					1 00						5 15	75 00	150 00	200 00
New Harmony							1 00						1 00			
Oak Grove																
Pilgrim's Rest							1 05						1 05			
Pleasant Hill							1 00						1 00			
Pleasant Valley							75						75			300 00
Shady Grove							75						75	17 00		300 00
Ten Islands			1 00				1 25						2 25	50 00		
Union No. 1							2 30	2 85					5 15			
Union No. 2				1 00			1 00						2 00			
Walnut Grove				4 50			1 50	11 00	3 10	44 00		20 60	84 10	200 00	1 000 00	1 100 00
White's Chapel				9 23			50	2 84					12 57	25 00		300 00
White's Springs				5 00			1 50						6 50			450 00
Collections at Association				13 27									13 27			
Total	$11 77	$ 4 15	$ 120 95	$90 15	$30 00	$32 00	$28 85	$ 216 44	$ 3 10	$ 144 85	$27 65	$21 50	$ 712 09	$ 2 127 92	$ 1 470 20	$ 9 650 00

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